

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 6254

E.O. 11652 GDS  
SUBJECT UNITAS AND INVITATION TO ADMIRAL MASSERA

REF: A USDAO BUENOS AIRES 111817Z AUG  
B CNO 101415Z (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL ADVOCATED IN PARA 5 THAT CNO RESPOND TO  
ADMIRAL MASSERA'S REQUEST FOR AN INVITATION WITH A GRACEFUL  
LETDOWN OR ALTERNATIVELY THAT A MEDICAL VISIT FOR  
ADMIRAL MASSERA BE REINSTATED, DURING WHICH HE MIGHT  
CALL ON US NAVY OFFICIALS.

2. I WARMLY ENDORSE THE IDEA OF A PERSONAL EXPRESSION  
OF REGRET BY CNO TO ADMIRAL MASSERA THAT A FORMAL  
INVITATION IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS IS NOT POSSIBLE AND  
CONVERSATION AT NINTH MEETING OF AMERICAN NAVY CINCS ARE  
WELCOMED. AS FOR SECOND ALTERNATIVE I DO NOT ENDORSE  
OUR TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO REACTIVATE IDEA OF A MEDICAL  
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VISIT, SINCE NOTHING BUT MISCHIEF COULD COME OF IT.  
BUT I DO STRESS THAT ADMIRAL MASSERA COULD GO PRIVATELY  
ON HIS OWN AT ANY TIME, AND IF HE DID SO, HE SHOULD BE  
RECEIVED BY HIGH NAVY OFFICIALS, PREFERABLY CNO. I  
GATHER THAT PRERETIREMENT MEDICAL EXAMS IN US MILITARY  
FACILITIES FOR MANY FOREIGN OFFICERS ARE COMMON, AND  
STANDARD POLICY ON THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED TO INHIBIT

A PRIVATE VISIT.

3. IN RECOMMENDING A CNO MESSAGE TO MASSERA, I HAVE IN MIND AVOIDING EVERY UNNECESSARY PERCEIVED AFFRONT TO ANY GOA OFFICIAL AT THIS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TIME. THERE ARE PLENTY OF SORE POINTS IN OUR RELATIONS WITHOUT ADDING ANY MORE. THE FATE OF UNITAS DOES NOT IN MY VIEW HANG ON AN INVITATION; MASSERA WILL PARTICIPATE OR CANCEL AS HIS OWN BEST INTERESTS DICTATE, AND WILL FIND A PRETEXT FOR DOING EITHER.

4. I HOPE CNO CAN FORWARD TO THIS EMBASSY A SUITABLE MESSAGE TO ADMIRAL MASSERA, WHICH THE NAVAL ATTACHE CAN DELIVER PROMPTLY.  
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